GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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RUMOURS OF BOMB IN AEROPLANES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of rumours of bomb in aeroplanes resulting in the disruption of flights in the country during the last year;

(b) whether an incident of the Indian Airlines` flight from Bangkok to Delhi had recently created terror by announcing that there was a bomb in the plane; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken against the persons held responsible for spreading rumours of bomb in planes and airport premises?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): There were total 112 bomb calls reported at airports in the country during the year 2006.

(b)& (c) Yes, Sir. On 21/3/2007 at about 1415 hrs Captain S. S. Kohli of IC-854, Bangkok-Delhi flight, informed ATC, Kolkata that a Mexican passenger was creating nuisance in the flight and shouting that he would blow the aircraft by the bomb under his seat. The flight was permitted to land at Kolkata en route Delhi. The said passenger was off loaded. Anti Sabotage checks were carried out and after thorough checks, the flight was cleared for take off. The passenger was arrested and a case was registered against him with the local Police Station.